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**Docket No. 4164-133****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**OFFICE OF PETITIONS****PETITION TO WITHDRAW FROM ISSUE PURSUANT TO RULE 313(c)(2)**

Applicant petitions the US Patent and Trademark Office to withdraw this application from issuance to permit applicant to file an RCE. The purpose of the RCE is to permit consideration of an Information Disclosure Statement. The RCE and IDS accompany this petition, but—due to their volume—the cited references do not. Applicant is serving the original copy of the IDS and references by mail as of the same date of fax service of this petition.

The issue fee in this application was paid on February 17, 2004. On December 8, 2005, the Office mailed a Notice under 37 CFR 1.251 to reconstruct the file because it could not be located after a reasonable search. Applicant is preparing a response, which is due March 8, 2006, to that notice.

Applicant requests that action on this petition be faxed to the undersigned attorney for applicant at (503) 274-4622.

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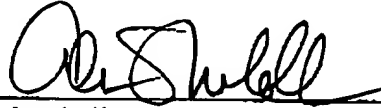
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The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (503) 222-3613 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

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